Modernisation Project of Ship Repair of Rajabagan Dock Yard

*213. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of modernisation project of ship repair facilities of Rajabagan Dock Yard, sanctioned in December, 1992;

(b) the target date of completion and slippage, if any;

(c) the original and revised project cost; and

(d) the reasons for the tardy progress so far?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The project for the modernisation of the Rajabagan Dockyard of CIWTC is being implemented in phases under the Indo- Dutch Cooperation Programme. A Joint Indo-Dutch Project Management Team (PMT) was constituted in August, 1994 to advise, control, monitor and supervise the activities of the Project. Activities identified for Phase-I are progressing as per schedule. The final draft of Grant Agreement is under process. With the finalisation of the Grant Agreement, site activities are expected to be commenced in November, 1996.

(b) The schedule of completion of the scheme was originally September, 1995. However, as per the revised schedule, the first phase is to be completed by April, 1998.

(c) While the original cost estimate for the project was Rs. 66.09 crores for ship- building and shiprepairing activities, the revised cost estimate is Rs. 71.34 crores for shiprepairing activities only.

(d) The Project was reappraised by the Dutch Government and their final report was available only in November, 1993. Thereafter, necessary follow-up action such as preparation of a Bilateral Assistance Project Document, its approval, formation of Indo-Dutch Project Management Team, etc. was taken. Activities have commenced from August, 1994 and efforts are on to complete the first phase by the revised scheduled time i.e. April, 1998.

Sick Textile Mills

*214. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick textile mills both spinning and composite units in the country;

(b) the production capacity affected due to closed mills;

(c) the number of workers affected by closed mills;

(d) the steps taken to revive the sick textile mills;

(e) whether there is a proposal to arrange funds from international monetary agencies for financing the modernisation of textile mills in private sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) As per information furnished by Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), there were 296 mills registered with BIFR as on 31.5.96.

(b) As on 31.5.96, 4.90 million spindles, 7261 rotors and 49733 looms were reported to be affected by the closure of mills.

(c) Number of workers affected was 233231.

(d) Government has set up BIFR to enquire into the working of sick industrial companies and to prepare and sanction, as appropriate, schemes for their revival.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Bomb Hoax in Shatabdi Express

*215. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a rumour of placing powerful bomb in Shatabdi Express running between Lucknow and Delhi made the passengers to get down at Kanpur Railway Station on the 25th June, 1996;

(b) whether such rumours can create chaos and provide full chance of looting of passengers besides delaying the running of a train;

(c) whether Government propose to take some measures to avoid chances of such rumour in trains; and